



## Christmas Project!

### **A One-Time Investment That Keeps On Giving**

*For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. (Ps. 50:10)*

A few years ago, the Lord burdened our hearts with the need of Indian pastors who were struggling to accomplish their ministry responsibilities due to the necessity of working second jobs. Upon praying, we determined that the Lord was leading us to purchase a water buffalo for each pastor so that they could support themselves while focusing on the work of the ministry. In India, a single water buffalo cow can support a pastor and his family for life! While its milk is the major source of income, the male calves are sold for meat, and even the dung is sold for fuel. The heifers, (young cows that haven't reproduced) are given to another pastor associated with BOAM. (For clarification, the animals actually belong to BOAM for accountability purposes). With the initial investment of 40 water buffalo purchased in 2014, we are now supporting 70 pastors! While we give thanks to the Lord for His good hand upon these pastors and their ministries, we rejoice that He is blessing His Word faster than we can keep up! We now have 159 churches established by BOAM in India, and with the Lord's blessing and enablement, further support would allow the pastors of these new churches to focus on ministering to their flock. Our goal is to raise \$48,000 to purchase an additional 40 water buffalo. Would you prayerfully consider giving toward a pastor and his ministry in India? Where else can you invest \$1,200 and support someone for the rest of his life? It is a gift that keeps on giving!

*In His bonds,*

*Art Williams, President/Founder*

*A L. Subramanian (Mani) International Director*

#### **Pertinent Facts**

- A quality water buffalo cow in India costs \$1,200 USD.
- A water buffalo produces 4 gallons of milk each day.
- One gallon of milk sells for \$1.30 USD in India.
- A water buffalo produces milk for 6 months after giving birth.
- The dung (used as fuel) would generate \$50 per year.
- The total income from one animal per year is \$1,200 USD.
- It takes 3 years for a water buffalo to mature and reproduce.
- Calves would generate additional income in the fourth year.
- The cost to feed, maintain, and insure an animal per year is \$630 USD (To be taken out of the gross income generated by the animal).
- In addition to the congregational support, an Indian pastor and his family can live off of \$500 a year and be independent of foreign missionary support.
- The project is being overseen by BOAM International and our Indian Director, Timothy Buraga.



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